## HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 562

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act,"

by amending section 87b (MCL 211.87b), as amended by 2014 PA 33.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 87b. (1) The county board of commissioners of any county
- 2 may create a delinquent tax revolving fund that, at the option of
- 3 the county treasurer, may be designated as the "100% tax payment
- 4 fund". Upon the establishment of the fund, all delinquent taxes,
- 5 except taxes on personal property, due and payable to the taxing
- 6 units in the county, except those units that collect their own
- 7 delinquent taxes after March 1 by charter or otherwise, are due and
- 8 payable to the county. The primary obligation to pay to the county
- 9 the amount of taxes and the interest on the taxes shall rest with

- 1 the local taxing units and the state for the state education tax
- 2 under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to
- 3 211.906. If the delinquent taxes that are due and payable to the
- 4 county are not received by the county for any reason, the county
- 5 has full right of recourse against the taxing unit or to the state
- 6 for the state education tax under the state education tax act, 1993
- 7 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, to recover the amount of the
- 8 delinquent taxes and interest at the rate of up to 1% per month or
- 9 fraction of a month OR A LOWER RATE AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OF
- 10 THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS until repaid to the county by the taxing
- 11 unit. However, if the county borrows to provide funds for those
- 12 payments, the interest rate shall not exceed the highest interest
- 13 rate paid on that borrowing. IF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REDUCES
- 14 THE INTEREST RATE ON THE RECOVERY OF UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT TAXES
- 15 AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THAT DECREASE SHALL NOT APPLY TO
- 16 ANY YEAR'S DELINQUENT TAXES WHEN BORROWING AGAINST THAT YEAR'S
- 17 DELINQUENT TAXES OCCURRED BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTED
- 18 A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE INTEREST RATE ON THE RECOVERY OF
- 19 UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT TAXES. ANY AMOUNT THAT IS DUE FROM A LOCAL
- 20 TAXING UNIT OR THE STATE FOR A PRIOR YEAR'S UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT
- 21 TAX IS A LIEN AGAINST ANY FUTURE DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENTS THAT MAY
- 22 BE PAYABLE TO A LOCAL TAXING UNIT OR THE STATE AND THE LIEN SHALL
- 23 BE SATISFIED BY OFFSETTING THE AMOUNT DUE TO THE COUNTY FROM THE
- 24 LOCAL TAXING UNIT OR THE STATE WHEN DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE
- 25 DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND ARE MADE BY THE COUNTY TO THE LOCAL
- 26 TAXING UNIT OR THE STATE IN A SUBSEQUENT YEAR. A resolution or
- 27 agreement previously executed or adopted to this effect is

- 1 validated and confirmed. For delinquent state education taxes under
- 2 the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906,
- 3 the county may offset uncollectible delinquent taxes against
- 4 collections of the state education tax under the state education
- 5 tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906, received by the
- 6 county and owed to this state under this act. The fund shall be
- 7 segregated into separate funds or accounts for each year's
- 8 delinquent taxes.
- 9 (2) If a delinquent tax revolving fund is established, the
- 10 county treasurer shall be the agent for the county and, without
- 11 further action by the county board of commissioners, may enter into
- 12 contracts with other municipalities, this state, or private
- 13 persons, firms, or corporations in connection with any transaction
- 14 relating to the fund or any borrowing made by the county pursuant
- 15 to section 87c or 87d, including all services necessary to complete
- 16 this borrowing.
- 17 (3) The county treasurer shall pay from the fund any or all
- 18 delinquent taxes that are due and payable to the county and any
- 19 school district, intermediate school district, community college
- 20 district, city, township, special assessment district, this state,
- 21 or any other political unit for which delinquent tax payments are
- 22 due within 20 days after sufficient funds are deposited within the
- 23 delinquent tax revolving fund or, if the county treasurer is
- 24 treasurer for a county with a population greater than 1,500,000
- 25 persons, within 30 days after sufficient funds are deposited within
- 26 the delinquent tax revolving fund. In a county with a delinquent
- 27 tax revolving fund where the county does not borrow pursuant to

- 1 section 87c or 87d, if the county treasurer does not make payment
- 2 of the delinquent taxes to the local units within 10 days after the
- 3 completion of county settlement with all local units under section
- 4 55, the county shall pay interest on the unpaid delinquent taxes
- 5 from the date of actual county settlement at the rate of 12% per
- 6 annum for the number of days involved.
- 7 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), the county treasurer
- 8 shall pay from the fund directly to a school district its share of
- 9 the fund when a single school district exists within a political
- 10 unit.
- 11 (5) If a local taxing unit has borrowed money in anticipation
- 12 of collecting taxes for any school district or other municipality
- 13 and the county treasurer has been so notified in writing, the
- 14 county treasurer shall pay to the local taxing unit the shares of
- 15 the fund for that school district or municipality. For purposes of
- 16 this subsection, "local taxing unit" means a city, village, or
- 17 township.
- 18 (6) The interest charges, penalties, and county property tax
- 19 administration fee rates established under this act shall remain in
- 20 effect and shall be payable to the county delinquent tax revolving
- **21** fund.
- (7) Any surplus in the fund may be transferred to the county
- 23 general fund by appropriate action of the county board of
- 24 commissioners.
- 25 (8) A county board of commissioners may borrow money to create
- 26 a delinquent tax revolving fund as provided in section 87c or 87d,
- 27 or both.

- 1 (9) This section shall not supersede section 87 but is an
- 2 alternative method for paying delinquent taxes to local units.
- 3 However, where this section is used by a county, section 87 shall
- 4 not be used.